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Idaho State Retirees:

It has come to our attention that you are still enrolled in the Retiree medical plan through the State of Idaho. For the past several months we have sent important information about the change in eligibility for coverage under the state's Retiree Medical Plan for those age 65 or older.

We obtained mailing addresses from Blue Cross of Idaho and sent all communications to that address. These mailings have not been returned as undeliverable; therefore we assume that you have received them. If you have not made arrangements to be covered under a Medicare Supplement, Advantage or Part D Plan we urge you to do so as soon as possible. If you need assistance in finding a plan or determining what type of supplement would best meet your needs, we encourage you to contact the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) office in your area. Contact numbers are at the bottom of this letter. If you do not live in Idaho, you can obtain the same assistance by contacting the Department of Insurance in the state in which you reside and requesting the number for the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

Effective January 1, 2010 you will no longer have coverage on the State of Idaho Retiree Medical plan. You will need to be covered under a Medicare supplemental plan to provide coverage for balances not paid by Medicare and for prescription drug coverage and other expenses such as medical care, hospital stays, etc.

The State of Idaho SHIBA offices can be reached at one of the following numbers:

<u>Boise</u>	<u>Coeur d'Alene</u>	<u>Twin Falls</u>	<u>Pocatello</u>
334-4352	208-666-6847	208-736-4713	208-236-6044
or 334-4353	800-488-5725	800-488-5731	800-488-5764

If you have questions regarding the change in eligibility for coverage on the State's Retiree Medical plans, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 208-332-1860, or toll free at 800-531-0597.

Sincerely,

Office of Group Insurance

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